the river. For a great distance no land is available for irrigation and after that the land available is too little to yield an adequate return.

The R. M. urged that an investigation would prove the case to be otherwise, and added that he could get raiyats to guarantee a four per cent return.

Dewan's reply.—(After examining the Topo. sheets.) The proposal will be investigated.

Subject No. 225.
Davangere Town improvements.

Summary of discussion.—The extension of the town of Davangere asked for last year has been effected by the Deputy Commissioner and the Sanitary Engineer to the great satisfaction of the people, for which they are highly grateful. In connection therewith, however, the following matters will have to be considered and orders passed by Government:—

(1) For water convenience, two ponds and four wells should be provided in the new extension.

(2) All the main roads and cross roads in the extension should soon be properly metalled and gravelled and provided with V shaped drains.

(3) In the middle of the new Chamrajpet road a clock tower should be erected with a suitable inscription.

The Deputy Commissioner stated that he had reported on the requirements of Davangere Town and asked for a loan from Government to the Municipality.

Dewan's reply.—A loan can be given. The Deputy Commissioner's report will be attended to.

Subject No. 226.
Octroi for Davangere Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—As the present Municipal income is not sufficient to meet even ordinary expenses in Davangere Town, Octroi should be introduced here as in Chitaldroog Town.

Dewan's reply.—This is subject for consideration and recommendation by the Municipal Board.

Subject No. 227.
Treatment of "Kanas" as vacant building sites.

Summary of discussion.—Government have recently issued orders that the owners of waste village sites should pay assessment thereon, if the sites are not soon built upon. On the strength of this, the Revenue authorities demand kandayam from raiyats even for "Kanas" (drying or thrashing grounds). Every cultivating raiyat is in need of a "Kana" near his village in the Harihar Sub-Taluk, as his fields are generally situated far from the village. Therefore, "Kanas" may be exempted from payment of any assessment.

[The Deputy Commissioner observed that it was an unreasonable request. A very large portion of the "Gao Tanna" (village site) had been taken up for "Kanas" or thrashing floors, leaving hardly any scope for the construction of new houses. If other lands had to be appropriated for building

purposes, he failed to see why persons in possession of "Kanas" should not pay rent for such occupation. In the majority of cases, the persons concerned were only too glad to secure a little by such payment.]

Dewan's reply.—The existing order is equitable.

Subject No. 228.

Raising of Harihar Sub-Taluk into a Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The jamabandi of Harihar Sub-Taluk is nearly a lakh of rupees. Since the opening of the Railway line, the importance of the town has increased. The traffic is daily increasing and the want of a Government Treasury is very much felt by the traders. For this and other reasons, Harihar should be made a Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Under consideration.

Subject No. 229.

Firewood in Kankuppa jungle.

Summary of discussion.—As there is very little forest in that portion of the Kankuppa jungle which has been allotted for the use of raiyats, the cutting and removal of firewood from the reserved portion should be permitted.

Dewan's reply.—Rules will soon issue. When fuel tracts are reserved, freedom to cut will be allowed outside those tracts.

Subject No. 230.

Savars at Jagalur.

Summary of discussion.—The Savars temporarily sent to Jagalur recently have removed all sense of insecurity of life and property. They should be ordered to be stationed at Jagalur permanently.

[The Deputy Commissioner observed that no withdrawal of those horses was under contemplation.]

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 231.

Alignment of Jagalur-Nayakanhatti Road.

Summary of discussion.—The road now being made from Jagalur to Nayakanhatti, goes through a jungle tract where no villages are situated. It would be better if the road were taken *viâ* Bharamasamudra, Jogihatti, Gaudagere, and on to the new road near Channabasainahatti.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will be requested to enquire and report.

Subject No. 232.

Grain storage for famine relief.

Summary of discussion.—The Government should buy and store grains in good years for the relief of distressed people in seasons of drought. The improvident raiyat, particularly after the advent of the Railway, sells off his surplus grain.

Dewan's reply.—Inexpedient.

Subject No. 233.

Appointment of Nala Manegars for large tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Nala Manegars should be appointed for all tanks yielding a revenue of more than Rs. 5,000.

The Deputy Commissioner stated that he had submitted proposals to Government for the entertainment of a channel conservancy establishment in certain cases.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner's recommendation on the subject will be considered.